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To promote and protect the health and well-being of Kings County residents through education, prevention, and intervention.



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Kings County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Website Data

Hanford, CA – The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) will be changing the way that data is reported on our Public Health COVID-19 (<http://www.kingscovidinfo.com/>) page to align with how the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reports the data for Kings County. We are currently separating the cases associated to skilled nursing facilities and state operated correctional facilities from all other community cases in Kings County. CDPH reports all positive cases for Kings County together excluding the incarcerated positive cases within the Prisons in Kings County.

Starting today, September 25, 2020, our website will reflect our positive case count combining all positive cases associated to Skilled Nursing Facilities and employees of the State Operated Correctional Facilities that reside in Kings County. This change will not be adding any additional cases that are not reported in our daily case count. We will continue to report all incarcerated positive cases within the Prisons separate from our community cases. Starting tomorrow, KCDPH will start updating the www.kingscovidinfo.com website everyday by 10 a.m. rather than updating it at the end of each day.

The KCDPH strives to be transparent and will share as much information with the public as possible while also protecting the confidentiality of patients which means that some data that is of interest to the public may still not be published.

The County continues to stress the importance of following best practices known to limit the spread of communicable diseases. The following actions can prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Kings County and help protect residents from respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.
- Stay in your home as much as possible.
- Wear a facemask or covering, and practice physical distancing of at least six feet if it is necessary to leave your home.
- Limit close contact, like kissing, and sharing cups or utensils with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough, or sneeze with a tissue, or your elbow.

Visit www.kingscovidinfo.com for current information and guidance.